GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:990
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FAKE CURRENCY RACKET IN NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to take up ISI backed fake currency racket issue with Nepal;

(b) if so, whether both the countries have shown a great concern about the Pakistani intention of exploiting Nepal against India;

(c) whether both countries have agreed to jointly undertake investigations and curb the activities of Pakistani ISI in Nepal;

(d) if so, whether all the suggestion made by India have been agreed upon by the Nepali Government;

(e) if so, the details of agreement reached between both the Governments thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the activities of ISI in Nepal have been checked?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)
(a) & (b) The Government of India is aware and concerned about ISI involvement in the circulation of fake Indian currency in Nepal.The matter has been taken up with His Majesty`s Government of Nepal. Shared concern on this issue is evident from the determination expressed by both sides to take urgent necessary steps to prevent the misuse of Nepalese territory for activities directed against India.
(c), (d), (e) & (f) Measures have been taken to enhance cooperation with Nepal, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management, to counter such activities by the ISI.The concerned agencies of the two Governments remain in regular touch to coordinate efforts to tackle this problem. There are also bilateral institutional mechanisms, such as the Joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary level talks, which have been evolved to specifically develop cooperation on security matters and to address these concerns. In pursuance of the decisions taken in these meetings, both sides have agreed to jointly coordinate measures to prevent misuse of the open India-Nepal border, or for activities directed against India. On their part, the Government of Nepal have assured that their territory would not be used for activities inimical to India`s interest and have been extending their cooperation to the Government of India.
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